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## AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES CONVICTION OF FLORENCE ATTORNEY DONALD TIPPER FOR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange announced the conviction of a Florence attorney on charges of sexual misconduct. Donald Glenn Tipper pleaded guilty yesterday in Lauderdale County Circuit Court.

Tipper will be required to register as a sex offender. He was sentenced to 12 months in the Lauderdale County Jail, which was suspended for a term of two years of supervised probation, was fined \$1,000 and will be required to pay a \$100 Alabama Victims Compensation fee.

"This man is an attorney who abused his position of trust to take horrible advantage of a vulnerable client," said Attorney General Strange. "He has admitted to criminal sexual misconduct, which is defined as sexual intercourse without the victim's consent. I am pleased that this conviction will hold him to account and give notice to the community that he is a sex offender with a criminal record. This is due to the victim's courage in coming forward and to outstanding work by those who handled this case."

Attorney General Strange commended those involved in investigating and prosecuting this case, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General Stephanie Billingslea and Bill Lisenby and Legal Research Assistant Lori Arnold of the Attorney General's Criminal Trials Division, Victim Service Officer Ashley Harbin of the Attorney General's Office of Victim Assistance, Special Agents of his Investigations Division and the Florence Police Department.

